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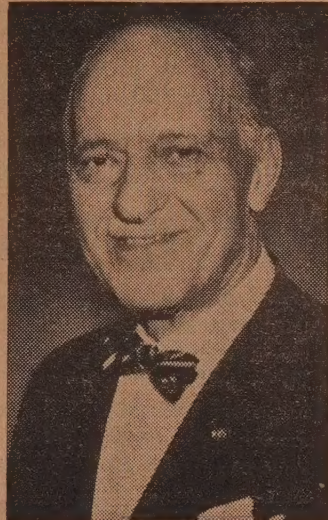
## Order's National Home

# Appoint Regional Chairmen For Drive

John A. Volpe, chairman of the Order's National Home Committee, and Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi have announced the appointment of four regional chairmen for the nation-wide fund-raising drive to begin March 1.



GEORGE J. SPATUZZA  
Region 3



EUGENE V. ALESSANDRINI  
Region 1



PETER J. BERTOGLIO  
Region 4



WILLIAM AMOROSO  
Region 2

The regional chairmen, all prominent members of the Order, were approved by the Supreme Venerable at a conference held last month with the national chairman.

Appointed are:

President Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Grand Venerable of the Pennsylvania Order, chairman of Region 1.

Atty. William Amoroso, Washington, D. C., Special National Deputy, chairman of Region 2.

Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, Chicago, chairman of Region 3.

Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburg, Calif., chairman of Region 4.

\$400,000 Goal

Volpe also announced that a goal of \$400,000 has been set for the drive which will be launched March 1.

The regional chairmen will supervise and assist the state chairmen in their respective areas.

Judge Alessandrini will supervise the Northeastern section of the United States; Amoroso, the Southeastern states; Spatuzza, the Central states, and Bertoglio, the Western states.

National Chairman Volpe has informed each Grand Venerable of the required basic organizational structure to be used in the drive.

He has asked each Grand Venerable to appoint a state chairman, an executive committee and a special gifts committee. Also, he has directed that each lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge appoint a chairman and a committee to solicit funds from the membership and community.

Fluid Program

Volpe said that while the organizational structure is the same in each Grand Lodge, he would not lay down a fixed set of rules in the actual drive for funds. Each Grand Lodge may conduct its campaign differently, he said.

Though the respective Grand Lodges have no established state goal Volpe has asked that they use the \$400,000 national goal as a guide for the amount that can be raised by the Grand Lodge.

Work on the actual construction of the new home in Washington, D. C., will not begin until the national goal has been realized.

A brochure to be used in the drive will be mailed to all Grand venerables by Feb. 15.

The Order's proposed new home will be located at 1800 Massachusetts avenue, N. W. The four-story structure now standing will be torn down.

The new home will be modern in design, typifying new structures being erected by builders in Italy.

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## "Wearing of the Purple"

# Gov. Furcolo's Endorsement

Gov. Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts, honorary member of the Order, has commended the Sons of Italy for introducing the "wearing of the purple" on Columbus Day on a nation-wide scale.

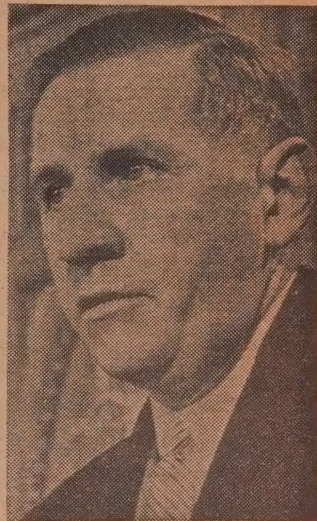
The Bay State Governor commented on the Order's "purple" program in a letter sent to A. Alfred Marcello, national chairman of the Committee on Public Relations and Director of OSIA NEWS:

Furcolo's letter follows:

"The Order Sons of Italy in America is to be commended for introducing the idea of 'the wearing of the purple' on Columbus Day and for its efforts to make this a nationwide observance.

"The story of Christopher Columbus, whose faith and courage led him to discover a new world, and whose achievements gave impetus to the development and growth of the lands of the western hemisphere is an inspiring one.

"The 'wearing of the purple' is a tribute to the intrepid navigator who first discovered this continent on October 12, 1492, and a pertinent reminder to all of the unforgettable part he played in the history of the world and of our nation."



GOV. FOSTER FURCOLO

## Suggestion From Pennsylvania

# Song For 'Wearing of The Purple'

A Pennsylvania member of the Order has written the lyrics for what she hopes will be a song called "Wearing of the Purple."

Mrs. Helen Vargon of South Heights, Pa., believes that there should be a song to commemorate the observance of Columbus Day. So she has come up with the words for the song and hopes that someone in the Order will put her words to music.

Here are the lyrics to Mrs. Vargon's "Wearing of the Purple":

A heritage of all that's good  
Has come to us from Italy;  
As good Italo-Americans  
We're proud of our great  
ancestry.

Our men have given to the world  
The best of art and progress, too;  
Like Christopher Columbus,

Pioneer in a world so new.

How can we show our gratitude  
Even in the smallest way?

By the wearing of the purple  
On every Columbus Day.

Purple, the sign of royalty,  
For us there can be nothing less  
To prove our love and loyalty  
Let's wear the purple as a fond  
caress—

A symbol of our humbleness.

## Historical Society

Turn to Page 3 for list of  
gifts received by the Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y.

## Move To Organize New Lodges

# Gorrasi's Plan For Expansion

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi has begun a move to explore the possibility of organizing lodges in a number of states in the south, southwest and the mid-west.

Gorrasi explained that there are a small number of members now residing in several states located in those areas, but that there are no lodges.

He has written to a number of these members expressing a desire that the Order be expanded in their respective communities.

Brother Gorrasi has singled out members living in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Oklahoma and Missouri.

The names were gathered from the mailing list of OSIA NEWS.

Brother Gorrasi's letter follows:

"The Editor of OSIA NEWS, the national newspaper of the Supreme Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America, informs me that you are a subscriber to our national publication. You have thus maintained your interest in the Order by reading about its many activities in the United States and Canada.

"The Order is now the largest fraternal organization among Americans of Italian extraction and in fact it is recognized as the largest fraternity among our people in the world.

"It has performed outstanding work in America and has contrib-



# 3 New Lodges In California

**LATEST REPORTS:** Three lodges scheduled for induction in California; Junior Lodge re-organized in Medford, Mass.; 657 inducted in 1958 in Massachusetts; 10 inducted in Redwood City, Calif.; Napa, Calif. Lodge initiates 30; Initiate 12 at Porterville, Calif.; Camden, N. J. Lodge inducts 19; Northwest Grand Lodge initiates 108 in 1958.

## CALIFORNIA

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The inauguration of three new lodges this month will bring to 90 the number of lodges in the California Order.

The Grand Lodge will officiate at the induction of two adult lodges and a junior lodge.

On Sunday, February 1, the Salinas Lodge will be inducted at ceremonies in that city. Grand Deputy Joseph Cava is the organizer of the new lodge.

At Downey, on February 22, the new Downey Lodge will be inaugurated. Organizer of the new lodge is Third Assistant Grand Venerable Umberto Troiano Sr.

A Junior Lodge is scheduled to enter the Order this month in San Diego. Joseph Cutri, Venerable of Fratellanza Garibaldina Lodge No. 1627 is the organizer.

## Porterville

**PORTERVILLE, Calif.**—A class of 12 new members was inducted into the Order at ceremonies conducted by Porterville Lodge No. 1596.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, principal speaker, welcomed the new members and praised Anthony Prandini for recruiting 10 new members.

Other speakers included Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Mellera and Grand Trustee Fred Giacomazzi.

Venerable Sebastian Federighi introduced the following guests, Grand Deputy Leonard Kranenburg, Grand Deputy Miro Curti, Venerable Eugene Ferrua of Hanford Lodge, and Venerable Donald Falcinella of Roma Lodge.

## Napa

**NAPA, Calif.** — The members of Napa Lodge No. 2043 presented 30 new members for initiation at a meeting attended by Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta.

Grand Venerable Raeta, who was principal speaker, presided at the initiation. Grand Deputy Michael Mulas served as herald.

Others assisting were, Grand Trustee Rocco Chiechi, Grand Trustee Pat Mastrantonio, and

Salvatore Argento, president of the Hospitalization Fund.

Among the guests at the dinner which followed the initiation were, Mrs. Raeta, Miss Dorothy Raeta, president of the Blood Bank Commission; Venerable and Mrs. John Rossi, Mrs. Mastrantonio and Mrs. Argento. D. Novelli was master of ceremonies.

## Redwood City

**REDWOOD CITY, Calif.**—Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina assisted at the induction of 10 new members at ceremonies sponsored by Galileo Galilei No. 1950.

Venerable Dino Pardini, who presided at the ceremonies, welcomed the gathering.

Guests were, Grand Orator Ralph Ruocco, Grand Deputy Caterina Quaglia and Frank DePatta, former supreme deputy.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**BOSTON** — The Massachusetts Grand Lodge inducted 225 new members during the fourth quarter of 1958, according to reports published in the Massachusetts Sons of Italy Magazine.

The total number of new members recruited in the Bay State Order last year was 657. The magazine carried a monthly total of new members inducted into the Order.

## Medford

**MEDFORD, Mass.** — Joseph Nuccio, president of the Massachusetts Junior Division, presided at the re-organization meeting of the Medford Girls' Junior Lodge.

Supervisor for the group is Mrs. Lucille DeCristoforo. Lucy Filippone is assistant supervisor.

Attending the meeting were Gemma Valenti, venerable of the Medford Ladies' Lodge and Palma Guarente, commission secretary.

New junior lodge officers are, Josephine Gulino, venerable; Frances Pellistri, assistant venerable; Carol DeMarco, orator; Joyce Cunha, secretary; Jean DeCristofaro, treasurer; Ann Marie Palazzo, Mary Ann Gawlinski, Diane DeSimone, Carol Pemental, Phyllis Martin, trustees; Carol Schomaker, sentinel, and Cynthia DeRosa, sergeant at arms.

## NEW JERSEY

**CAMDEN, N. J.** — A class of 19 members was inducted into the Order at ceremonies sponsored by Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge.

Venerable Pauline Canzanese presided. She was assisted by Frank Rizzi, a former grand trustee.

Atty. Charles Ricci welcomed the new members and explained the principles of the Order. Dr. Salvatore Cavalli, a member of the new class, also spoke.

New members are Edmund Quirini, Miss Leda Tortu, Miss Maria Vita Curcio, Rocco Scarfa, Joseph Saitta, Angelo Carbone, Miss Helen Virgilio, Miss Jeanne Virgilio, Miss Josephine Gambone, Miss Marian Viscursi, Miss Johanna Canzanese, Michael Canzanese, Lucio Tomasetti, Dr. Joseph Mazzarella, Dr. Cavalli, Gaudenzio Sifarelli, Mrs. Frances Cavalli and Mrs. Joseph Saitta.

## THE NORTHWEST

**SEATTLE, Wash.** — The Grand Lodge of the Northwest last year processed 108 applicants for mem-

## Special Group In Bay State Recruits 325

**Medford, Mass.** — An Inter-lodge committee, organized three years ago for the purpose of recruiting new members, has inducted a total of 325 new members, into the Order.

The group was organized by Mrs. Madeline Miceli, chairman of the Grand Lodge's organizational and educational committee.

The eight lodges which make up the group are located in Medford, Malden, Winchester and Woburn. The lodges recruit new members throughout the year and present a class for initiation at the Columbus Day banquet.

The initiation and banquet this year will be held in Winchester.

bership into the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Total number of applications received by the Grand Lodge for the year-long drive was 143.

Black Diamond Lodge placed first in lodge standings with 31 applications submitted to the Grand Lodge.

Other leaders were Renton Lodge No. 1967, 29; Seattle Lodge No. 1390, 26 and Tacoma Lodge No. 1175, 19.

Olivia Merlini of Black Diamond Lodge led all members of the Northwest Order with 26 new members.

Mike Yellam of Renton Lodge placed second in individual standings with 17 members recruited.

## EXPANSION

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uted much in keeping alive our love for our heritage, traditions and contributions by Italy to the entire world.

"It has been the aim of the Order to enroll in its membership all persons of Italian birth or descent. This work has been going on since 1905 when the Order was first organized.

"The Order is now represented in many sections of the United States and Canada by Grand Lodges and filial lodges under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge. The Order is not represented in your area, except that you receive its monthly publication for which we are very much appreciative.

"It has been my hope to expand the Order in your State. How can this be done?

"You being acquainted with the community in which you live and also its surrounding communities and because of your knowledge about the Order through OSIA NEWS, would you be willing to undertake the organization of a lodge? You could form a committee to assist you in this work, or you might choose a person of Italian descent who might be willing to undertake this task.

"Will you kindly communicate with me. I am willing to send you whatever information you desire concerning the Order and assist in any way possible to form a lodge in your State."



MICELI

# The Order In Review

TEN YEARS AGO—1949

Judge Francis X. Giaccone, Grand Venerable of the New York Order, was elevated to the State Supreme Court by Gov. Thomas Dewey.

Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza wrote to U. S. Sen. Brien McMahon of Connecticut, praising the Senator for his stand on the question of the Italian colonies.

Members of Romolo & Remo Lodge No. 281 of Brooklyn, N. Y., entertained 400 needy children at a holiday party held in the lodge's quarters.

The Order was officially represented at the inauguration ceremonies of President Truman and Vice President Barkley. Attending were Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza, National Deputy Leonard Pasqualicchio and Grand Venerable Francesco Palleria.

FIVE YEARS AGO—1954

The Order was given special consideration by the United States Government when the first of three visas issued under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 were given to three Italians by the American Consulate in Naples.

Grand Venerable Rudolph Naccarato of Olympia, Wash., was awarded the Star of Solidarity medal by the Republic of Italy.

Lodges and individual members of the California Order have loaned or contributed \$51,876 towards the Grand Lodge building fund.

Officers of the newly formed East Boston (Mass.) Junior Lodge were installed at ceremonies held in the quarters of the East Boston Lodge No. 242.

## Letters From Our Readers

# IN THE MAILBAG

This column is open to all readers for expressions of opinion. As an evidence of good faith contributors are expected to sign name and address. When it is so requested the name will not be published. Letters will be published in the order they are received.

## WORD OF PRAISE FOR DIRECTOR

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

As a member of the Worcester Lodge, and as a constant reader of the OSIA NEWS, I wish to sincerely send to you my personal congratulations. I feel that the members, not only of our Worcester Lodge, but all the lodges throughout the country, owe to you the deepest debt of gratitude for your excellent work in keeping us well informed of the various activities and also for the inspiration it offers.

My wish for you is that you be blessed with good health to carry on the good work.

It has always been my pleasure in past years to be of some help in planning your special New Year's edition. I hope your response this year will be as good if not better than in the past. This will confirm my small donation and the complimentary ad we spoke of.

Anthony C. Ciullo, Worcester, Mass.

## OSIA NEWS KEEPS MEMBERS INFORMED

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

At the last regular meeting of Indiana Lodge No. 1279 of Indiana, Pa., held December 7, 1958, I spoke on the good of the Order. I suggested that the OSIA NEWS would be a good thing to keep our members informed about our good Order. So enclosed find a check for \$15.00 and a list of our members. I hope that it will be a yearly affair.

Financial Secretary Salvatore Agnello, Indiana, Pa.

## ACKNOWLEDGES CONDOLENCES

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I was formerly of Clarksburg, W. Va., and now of Lodi, N. J. Some time ago I lost my beloved wife and thus I would appreciate the following to appear in the OSIA NEWS:

I, Virgilio Arena, formerly of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Grand Financial Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for many years, belatedly give thanks to the William Marconi Lodge No. 1140 of Clarksburg, and to the Grand Lodge, and to my many, many friends throughout the state for their kind expression of sympathy in the hour of my bereavement in the loss of my beloved wife, Flora.

Virgilio E. Arena, Lodi, N. J.

## BROTHER FERRIGNO'S NOTE OF THANKS

To the Editor of OSIA NEWS:

I would indeed be grateful to you if you could insert in the next edition of OSIA NEWS, my sincere thanks to the Supreme Lodge Officers, Grand Lodges and members, who were very kind to convey to me sincere expressions of sympathy regarding my mother's death.

Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco, Calif.

## A GRATEFUL READER AND MEMBER

(Editor's Note: For obvious reasons we are withholding the name of the member who wrote the following letter. We are publishing the letter to show the high regard some "old-timers" in the Order have for OSIA NEWS. Needless to say we are grateful to the writer not only for his kind words but also for his contribution.)

Egregio Fratello Marcello:

Tre o quattro anni fa vi scrissi che non voleva il vostro giornale perche vecchio e ristretto finanze. Gentilmente voi mi avete mandato il giornale lo stesso puntualmente ogni mese. Io lo ringrazio distintamente e avendo guadagnato un po di moneta ho pensato a voi e le invio un money order di \$5.00. Spero che li accetti con piacere. Lo ossi ossequio fratello dell'Ordine.

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# Society Acquires Valuable Mementos Of Garibaldi

Atty Americo V. Cortese, president of the Order's National Historical Society, has announced the receipt of a number of valuable gifts for the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum on Staten Island, N. Y.

The gifts are an important addition to articles on display in the Staten Island Museum which are commemorative of the period the Italian patriot Garibaldi lived.

The articles from various sources in Italy, the United States and South America, number clothing worn by Garibaldi as well as commemorative stamps, firearms and paintings.

Here is the list of the gifts and the names of the donors:

Commemorative Garibaldi Stamps: Signora Eva Episcopo and Dr. Gianferrara, both of Rome, Italy.

Three issues of Historia Magazine containing an article "Garibaldi e le Donne." Signorina Anneliese Lipinsky, Rome, Italy.

Shirt, cap and tobacco pouch belonging to Garibaldi; original letter written by Garibaldi to Antonio Armosino, and original notarized statement: Lilianna Scalero and Maria Teresa Scalero-De-Ruette, Italy.

One infantry gun complete with bayonet used during the period of the Roman Republic in 1849: Associazione Nazionale Veterani e Reduci Garibaldini, Genoa, Italy.

Books and Photostats: Biblioteca Nazionale di Napoli, Naples, Italy.

Seven books, one by Borgoni Angelo: Biblioteca Nazionale di San Marco, Venezia, Italy.

A package of assorted books, Prof. Lozio Bigot, Rome, Italy.

Books: Mr. L. Cappelli, Rome, Italy.

Forty-one photographs: Comune di Genova, Istituto Mazziniano, Genoa, Italy.

One red shirt belonging to Garibaldi; one gun from the Sicilian campaign; one watercolor portrait of Garibaldi and one oil lithograph of the "Battle of Bezzecca." Comune di Milano, Prof. Stefano Canzio.

One volume by Everardo Pavia, "Museo Storico" — Garibaldino: Dr. Fernando Corsi, Rome, Italy.

One oil painting by Giuseppe de Nittis, "Garibaldi on Caprera." Barone Carlo De Ferrariis Salzano, Rome, Italy.

One Saber, complete: Count Ludovico di Sorbello, Perugia, Italy.

Various books and photographs: Marchese Uguccione Ranieri di Perugia, Italy.

One block of four Giuseppe Garibaldi stamps of 110 Lire each; one block of 15 Lire each: Signora Eva Episcopo, Rome, Italy.

Historical data sheets, and speech at re-dedication: Conte Luigi Ferrari, Vaccarile, Italy.

One dagger, various other mementos: Signora Clelia Garibaldi, Sardegna.

One original autographed letter of Garibaldi addressed to Pallavicino: Dr. Giovanni Grasso, Palermo, Italy.

Collection of reproductions of Garibaldi letters and books and other mementos from the Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italia in Rome: Prof. Alberto M. Ghisalbetti, Rome, Italy.

One dagger, collection of books and collection of historical newspapers: Prof. Torquato Carlo Gianini, Rome, Italy.

Six packages of assorted newspaper clippings about Garibaldi—

## STATEN ISLAND, PAST AND PRESENT

In the year 1524, only 32 years after Columbus discovered America, the Italian Giovanni da Verrazzano, commanding a French ship, discovered Staten Island.

In those days the island was inhabited by a small number of Leni-Lenape Indians of the Algonkin nation; but it was primarily a "stopping-over" place for natives traveling up and down the coast. It was called Aquehonga, meaning "high sandy banks." In 1609 Staten Island was "rediscovered" by Henry Hudson sailing under the Dutch flag.

The harbor territory became the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam and the first island in the bay, "Staaten Eylandt" (State Island), was so named in honor of the Estates General, the governing body of Holland.

The Staten Island telephone directory also makes note of the fact that an Italian—Giovanni da Verrazzano—discovered Staten Island only 32 years after Columbus set foot on American soil.

Cavour and centenary: Istituto per la Storia del Risorgimento Italiano, Rome, Italy.

The original wooden chair on which Garibaldi sat while wounded in the foot at Monte Sasso (Brescia) and was taken to Rocca d'Anfo: Barone e Baronessa Lanni della Quara Castello di Drugolo Lonato.

Fifteen photographs from the State Archives in Florence and a biography of Antonio Meucci: Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni Gabinetto del Ministro, Rome, Italy.

Twenty-two reproductions of documents and pictures: Museo Civico del Risorgimento Bologna, Director Giovanni Maioli.

One silk embroidery measuring 14 x 10 centimeters, representing Garibaldi in the uniform of General of the Cacciatori delle Alpi: Conte Chino Roberti, Rome, Italy.

Newspapers, books and pamphlets: Vallardi Publishers, Milan, Italy.

One bronze bust of Garibaldi: the Order Sons of Italy in America.

One pair of eyeglasses belonging to Garibaldi: Mrs. Carleton Lindquist, New York.

Six glass display cases: Museum of the City of New York.

One towel rack; one washstand; one oval mirror; one old bottle with coat of arms of the House of Savoy; one mahogany locker, and one newly upholstered chair: Agrippa Antique Galleries, New York.

One oil painting, "Death of Anita Garibaldi" by L. Caracciolo, 1921: Mr. Luigi Antonini, New York.

Five crystal display cases from the Brig. Gen. Luigi Palma di Cesnola inventory, Museum of the City of New York: General Lawrence Beattie, New York.

One hunting gun used by Garibaldi during his stay on Staten Island: Mr. G. Canova, New York.

One fly leaf, Florence; one pamphlet (no cover) "Guerra, Durata, a chi Vittoria?", Livorno, 30 pages; one photograph, note written by Garibaldi from Messina; one small booklet "La Fiammetta" di Messer Boccaccio, Milan, a signature inside allegedly that of Garibaldi's: Prof. Fiorentino di Marzo, New Jersey.

Article in Antiques Magazine, (Victorian Staffordshire portrait

figures) Garibaldi: Mr. Lino M. Lipinsky de Orlov, New York.

One emblem worn by a volunteer in the 1848-49 war: Signorina Valeria Giannini.

One commemorative medal and one framed reproduction: Mr. Salvatore G. Guccione, New York.

Hand carved chair executed by Antonio Meucci, Mrs. H. Joseph Lettieri, New York.

Three volumes of five booklets each on Garibaldi and Meucci in New York: Prof. Howard R. Marraro, New York.

One brush and comb set belonging to an officer in Garibaldi's army: Dr. Mario Melano, New York.

One original autographed letter of Garibaldi: Dr. Bernard L. Pacella, New York.

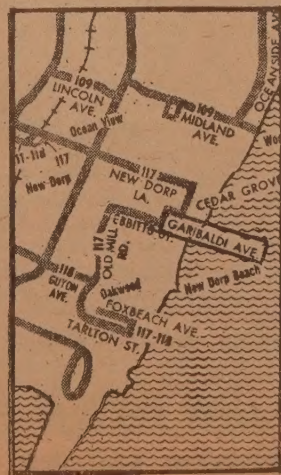
One original lithograph representing apotheosis of Garibaldi, George Washington and Cincinnatus, and one original death mask of Antonio Meucci: Mr. Salvatore Parisi, New York.

One original autographed letter of Garibaldi: Park Benjamin II.

One cane with hand carved image of Garibaldi and other mementoes: Mr. Edoardo de Simone, New York.

One Victorian Staffordshire portrait figurine of Garibaldi: Comm. Dr. Eugenio Sturchio, New Jersey.

Two photographs of memorial stone at Vina del Mar in Valparaiso; two photographs of a painting by Pompei Mariani from Monza; two photographs with signature of Garibaldi, and two photostats of a letter by Garibaldi to the Societa di Mutuo Soccorso di Valparaiso: Consulate General of Italy, Valparaiso, Chile.



There is a Garibaldi Avenue, (black outline) named after the Italian patriot.



THE GARIBALDI MEMORIAL, ROSEBANK. In this old frame house, the famous Italian patriot Garibaldi lived from 1851 to 1853 while he was in exile in the United States. He worked here as a candle-maker. His host was the famous Italian inventor, Antonio Meucci. The building is open to the public.

## HISTORY IN A TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

From the pages of the Staten Island, N. Y., telephone directory can be culled historical information concerning the Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Museum. Above is shown drawing of the Museum along with pertinent information.



And here is a street map which shows the best route to the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum from Staten Island's 69th St. Ferry.

## Shades of Bikinis

### Cloud Over Garibaldi Shrine

SARDINIA, (I.S.) — Off the north coast of Sardinia a waterless patch in the sea, Caprera (Goat Island), is one of the enduring shrines of the Italian people. Here, Giuseppe Garibaldi retired, in 1860, with a sack of wheat seed, after he had conquered the entire Bourbon kingdom of Naples and Sicily and handed it over to Victor Emanuel II, the new King of the united Italy.

On lonely Caprera, Garibaldi built with his own hands a house and planted pines that have now grown into stately trees. He also tilled the land and fished for a living. On Caprera, he was eventually laid to rest under a massive squared rock bearing his name.

The house is inhabited by Garibaldi's daughter (by his third and last wife), Clelia, who is still doing well at the age of 90.

Modern Age  
Inaccessibility has proved, up to now, the best preserver of lonely Caprera and its memories. Only occasional parties of really devoted pilgrims made their way there. But with the coming of the motor-yacht age and the new craze for islands and for skin diving, Caprera is getting more and more visitors every summer. Last summer they were there in droves.

This trend is drawing the protest of many Garibaldi descendants and especially of members of the Canzio family who are the grandchildren of Teresita, daughter of Anita, Garibaldi's first, South-American, wife (the one who

fought with him on the walls of Rome and died in his arms in the forest of Ravenna).

The Canzios say that it is a scandal to see young skin divers and girls in bikinis romping around their great-grandfather's tomb. Unless something is done about it, they intend to sue the Italian Government to regain possession of the entire island.

#### English Admirers

Half of Caprera was bought by Garibaldi himself for the pittance that it was then worth. The other half was bought up by some English admirers and presented to him in his old age.

Later, after the warrior's death, Caprera and neighboring islands were declared a military zone. Caprera was expropriated by the Italian Naval Authorities who paid the family 600,000 lire — a robust sum in its day. The house and some land were left to the family.

The Canzios claim that Caprera having no longer any military importance, should now be returned to them.

If necessary they will sue on the ground that the sum paid in the 19th Century was inadequate. However, they are probably willing to settle for a little more surveillance of the Caprera shrine and perhaps a guard or two to shoo skin divers and girls in bikinis away from Great Grandfather's rocky tomb, back into the salty blue.



## Three Day Convention Is Planned

SAN FRANCISCO — The Grand Lodge of California has announced the start of the annual queen contest for the 1959 grand convention to be held June 19, 20 and 21 in Fresno.

The colorful pageant and coronation of the queen, who will reign until the 1961 convention, is the major social highlight of California conventions.

The contestants who must be 15 years or over, will vie for three top honors, Queen of the California Order, Miss America and Miss Italy.

The emphasis in the contest is placed on the contestant's ability to harness the collective selling-power of her sponsoring lodge, rather than sheer beauty alone.

The Queen Contest Committee has urged each lodge in the California Order to sponsor a candidate, or two or more if they so choose.

The contest has been in progress since December 1, 1958 and will close on May 31, 1959.

The marital status of contestants is no hindrance, both single and married members of the fair sex are eligible for top honors.

The winners of the three top positions shall be judged solely on the number of tickets sold and money deposited on the closing day of the contest.

The Queen, Miss America and Miss Italy and other contestants depositing \$250 or more will be guests of the Grand Lodge at the convention with all expenses paid. The top three winners will also receive a percentage of the money that each deposited.

Ticket holders will vie for the top prize of a \$1000 paid trip to Italy or the equivalent in cash, in addition to other prizes.

The Grand Lodge Building Fund and all participating lodges will share in the net proceeds. The building fund will receive one fourth of the net proceeds and



### SACRAMENTO, CALIF., BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

For the fourth straight year the Sons of Italy team has won a championship in the boys' division of the Sacramento city winter baseball league.

At the last minute this season the club was advanced from the 90-pound to the 100-pound division and in the first game jitters took over and they lost. They came back for the rest of the season, winning them all, including two playoff games for a 10-1 season record. One of their games was a double no-no pitchers' battle which the Sons won 1-0 with three walks and an error.

Top row, standing: Garry Nibbelink, Mike Vinks, Gregg Robb, Coach Alvin Wood, Sponsor Pete Tomasini, Coach Elmer Thomas, John Fairbanks, Bobby Wallbeck, Mike Houghton. Front row, kneeling: John Enos, Jimmy Nelson, Glenn Wolff, Pete Sardelich, Billy Waltermeyer, Larry Bowa, Benny Sargis. Missing from picture: Jack Stafford and Jack Holden, assistant coaches, and John Ford.

The Sacramento lodge has for 20 years, under the chairmanship of Tomasini, sponsored sports as part of their program to combat juvenile delinquency and take place in pointing out that during this period not one of their participants has been in difficulty with the law.

Serving on the lodge athletic committee with Tomasini are Lawrence Girolami, Manuel Petralli, Jim Bruno, Bruno Tamitini, Ed J. Raton, Angelo Bonomi, Bert Bonomi and Peter Mannino.

participating lodges will share three fourths of the proceeds in proportion to the number of tickets sold and money deposited by each lodge.

### Stefani Elected At Sparks, Nev.

SPARKS, Nev. — Corrado Stefani has been installed Venerable of Giuseppe Verdi Lodge No. 1441 for a second term.

Other officers seated were, Sam Gaudio, assistant venerable; Alfred Matteoni, orator; Elisa Stefani, recording secretary; Evelyn DiPietro, financial secretary; Bertha Ceccarelli, treasurer; Cesarina Sorani, Salvatore Sorani, Giulia Fratini, Rina Piccinini and Sam Cacaluso, trustees.

### California's First Lady Honored

## Luncheon For Mrs. Raeta

SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Amelia Raeta, the California Order's First Lady, was honored by the women of Armando Diaz Lodge No. 1502 at a luncheon held in the Sons of Italy Ballroom.

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, making a brief appearance before departing for Los Angeles, expressed his gratitude at the reception to his wife.

Supreme Trustee Mrs. Giulia Besozzi was mistress of ceremonies.

#### Guests

Guests at the head table were, Mrs. Edward Mancuso, Mrs. Donato Ferrigno, Mrs. Charles Palazzo, Mrs. Peter Bertoglio, Mrs. Aurora DeBellis, Miss Sandra Ragona, California's queen; Mrs. Alfonso Zirpoli, Miss Dorothy Raeta, Mrs. Settimo Maffei, Mrs. Nina Argento, Mrs. Rosina Quilici and Mrs. Fay Sola.

Other guests included Mrs. Renato Marrazzini, Miss Rose M. Fanucchi and Miss Isma Micheli.

Mrs. Raeta was presented an orchid, and a guest book by Mrs. Sola, luncheon chairman. She was presented a piece of luggage by Mrs. Argento.

In thanking the assembly, Mrs. Raeta said, "It's a day I will never forget."

Among the large number attending were delegations from lodges in San Francisco, Colma, South San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo, Redwood City, Mountain View, San Jose, Oakland, Pittsburg, Antioch, Vallejo, St. Rafael and Santa Rosa.

### California's "Mother Lodge" Notes Birthday

FRESNO, Calif. — A large gathering attended the 36th anniversary banquet of California's "Mother Lodge," Colombo Lodge No. 1149, held at the Towne and Country Lodge.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Richard Shepard and Admiral George Bowman, Ret., were principal speakers.

Other speakers were Don J. Capell, chairman for the forthcoming 1959 grand convention; Frank A. DiGloia, ex-venerable; Louis D. Williams, financial secretary, and Richard Folmer, assistant venerable.

Venerable Rocco A. Bruce was master of ceremonies.

### Modesto Lodge Honors Roselli

MODESTO, Calif.—Grand Trustee John Roselli was honored at a dinner by members of Modesto Lodge No. 2021.

Guests included Grand Deputy Peter Montemurro, Venerable Anthony Toscano, Leon Ferrer and Paul Montemurro, all of Los Banos.

Venerable Anthony Imbesi was toastmaster.

Brother Roselli thanked his lodge members and urged that they support the Order's proposed home in Washington, D. C., and the Grand Lodge's Boosters Club.

Phyllis Ciardo and Ren Meche-loti were in charge of arrangements.

### California Members Contribute \$2,062 To Boosters Club

SAN FRANCISCO — Members of the California Order have contributed to date a total of \$2,062 to the Boosters Club.

The Club, organized by Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, has received the support of a large number of members since its inception in 1958.

It was created with the idea of paying off all Grand Lodge building fund loans within a 10-year period.

Dues range from \$20.00 for ten years to \$2.00 for one year. Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio is chairman of the committee in charge of the club.

### Puccini Lodge Elects Officers At Sacramento

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — New officers for 1959 were elected by Giacomo Puccini Lodge at a meeting held at the Dante Club.

Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio and Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella were guests.

The new officers are:

Manuel Petralli, venerable; Ernesto G. Galli, assistant venerable; Lawrence Girolami, ex-venerable; John Baruffaldi, orator; Oscar G. Matrangola, recording secretary; Frank Rienti, financial secretary; Giacomo Velo, treasurer; Angelo Bonomi, Albert Lazzarini, Giulio Micheletti, Ugo Orsi, Anthony Vassallo, trustees; Santino Federici and Sam Cemo, conductors; Sam Parisi, inside guard; Lawrence Girolami, Geo Virga, Isaia D'Aluto, Ottavio Lucchini, John Cucciare, and Pete Tomasini, arbiters.

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GREETINGS FOR  
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# 1958 Challenging Year To Order

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The year 1958, the 53rd anniversary of the Order, was a test of the Order's strength as a national organization. History will record that it met the challenge with a determination which spelled success on all fronts.

Members throughout the United States and Canada were faced with a number of issues in 1958.

They were asked to increase the Order's membership, to form new lodges, to support a proposal for a new national home in Washington, D. C., and to wear or display the color purple on Columbus Day.

## Mass Participation

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., also urged members to talk and think on a national level and for greater mass participation by members in all Supreme Lodge activities.

Let us look at the record.

Reports reaching OSIA NEWS during the past year from lodges and Grand Lodges showed that 1865 new members had been inducted into the Order.

Members worked hard for the formation of new lodges inaugurating eight throughout the country. The California Grand Lodge was successful in establishing a Sons of Italy Lodge in Colorado.

The success of the first stage of the Order's national home project undoubtedly set a record for achievement in the matter of time. It took but several months for the national home committee to select a site, have it approved and the purchase finalized.

## \$43,000 Collected

At the last official report in September, 1958, more than \$43,000 had been collected for the project by the Supreme Lodge. The money represented collections of the \$1.00 assessment per member.

Gorrasi's call for greater mass participation by members met with remarkable success at the September Supreme Council sessions in Washington, D. C., when 53 members representing 10 states and Canada sat in on the deliberations.

There is no question but what members were talking and thinking on a national level when they successfully flooded the country with the color purple on Columbus Day.

## Project Effective

The magnitude of the project was such that it had its effect on top governmental leaders down to the smallest townships.

The general public was made

aware of the true importance of Columbus Day in 1958. It now remains for the Order to bring the color purple, and all that it represents, to the halls of Congress to the end that Oct. 12 Columbus Day, be made a full legal national holiday.

The year 1958 was a bountiful year for the Order . . . we pray that 1959 will be as abundant.



## PHILADELPHIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of Longfellow-Metropolitan Lodge No. 1876 of Philadelphia, present gifts at annual Christmas party for patients at the St. Ignatius Nursing Home for the Aged.



Lodge members assist in sorting gifts for distribution at the home, supervised by the Sisters of the Holy Rosary. The lodge's charity committee, Edmund Valente, chairman, provided gifts, refreshments and entertainment. "Boots" Christopher was master of ceremonies.

## Pittsburgh, Pa.

### American-Italian Day Officers

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Paul Schullo of District 15 has been named chairman for the 1959 American-Italian Day sponsored annually by Districts 15, 16, 17 and 18.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the quarters of Golden Triangle Lodge.

Other officers elected were, Adolph Cicco, Butler, secretary; Mary LaMarca, Pittsburgh, treasurer; Anna Pugliese, Coraopolis, Mary Perrott, Ellwood City, and Ross Cosentino, Ambridge, auditors.

Honorary chairmen are Frank Ciotola, Farrell; Guy Mammolite, Franklin, and Ross Cosentino. Each has served as general chairman.

### Charter Member In Chester, Pa., Dies

CHESTER, Pa. — Michael Iannelli, a charter member of 12 Ottobre Lodge No. 486 who served as financial secretary for almost 30 years, passed away recently. He was honored in 1957 for his service to the lodge at the 40th anniversary dinner.

## New Brighton Lodge Dedicates \$40,000 Annex

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa. — A three-day dedicatory program marked the completion of a new \$40,000 annex to the quarters of the New Brighton Lodge.

The new annex contains a modern lighting system installed at a cost of \$5000. It also contains a dining room which will seat 500 persons, kitchen facilities, conference rooms and offices.

Two years ago the lodge installed six bowling alleys at a cost of \$60,000.

Venerable Alfred DeMarco and lodge officers greeted visitors to the annex during the open house program.

## Binghamton, N.Y. Lodges Honor Past Officers

BINGHAMTON, N. Y. — Past officers of Principe DiPiemonte Lodge No. 487 and Silver Star Lodge No. 1916 were honored at a dinner-dance.

Joseph Fabrizio and Mrs. Leonard Altieri, past venerables, were presented with ex-venerables' pins.

Officers of both past administrations were presented pins.

Edward Pellicotti was general chairman. He was assisted by Venerable Sam Ruffo, Venerable Mrs. George Chesna, Frank Coloneri, Mrs. Fabrizio, Mrs. Anthony Magnotta and Santo Fiacco.

## Spatuzza Is Speaker At Chicago

CHICAGO — Ex-Supreme Venerable George J. Spatuzza was principal speaker at the 21st anniversary dinner-dance sponsored by San Rocco Di Valenzano Lodge in the Midwest Hotel.

Other speakers included Venerable Michele Lomoro, Orator Frank Mastrangelo, and Rocco DeCristofaro, lodge treasurer and a founder and first venerable of the lodge.

Antonio Lonigro was toastmaster.

Guests included Supreme Trustee Peter Porzio and Nicola Franccone, radio personality and representative of Il Progresso Italo Americano.

Assistant Venerable Frank J. Laudizio was chairman.

## New York State

### Veneto Lodge Buffet Marks 36th Birthday

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y. — More than 125 persons attended the 36th anniversary observance of Vittorio Veneto Lodge No. 1172. A buffet and dance was held in the newly renovated lodge quarters.

Guests included Grand Trustee and Mrs. Frank Yozzo, Grand Trustee Dominick D'Emidio of Ossining, Grand Deputy Mrs. Carl Bianca, Mr. Bianca, Nicholas Russo, venerable of White Plains Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Zinkeof, Mrs. Jenny Abeto, venerable of Va' Pensiero Lodge, and Mr. Abeto.

Venerable Joseph Belarge welcomed the gathering.

The committee, Mario Liverzano, chairman; Assistant Venerable Denny Paradiso, Frank Yozzo, Albert Colletti, Charles Spina, Charles Balducci, Joseph Barbieri and Joseph Annicchiarico.

### Rigano Installed At Mamaroneck

MAMARONECK, N. Y. — Frank Rigano was re-elected and installed Venerable of Alessandro Manzoni Lodge No. 258 at a meeting held in the lodge quarters.

Supreme Trustee Ubaldo N. Marino of Ossining was installing officer. He was assisted by Vincent Ferraro, who served as herald.

Guests attending were Michael Romano, benemeritus member of the New York Order; Grand Trustee Joseph J. Black, Rocco Cancellare and Vincent LaMattina, both of White Plains.

Other officers installed were, Paul G. Bono, ex-venerable; Vito Palazzolo, assistant venerable; Thomas Casale, orator; Bernard Amoroso, recording secretary; Vincent C. Marcellino, financial secretary; Stephen Sestito, treasurer; John Montanaro, John Alfisio, Louis Fraioli Charles Marino, Frank Abbate, trustees; John Di-Staola, Peter Perri, sergeants at arms; Vincent Filancia, sentinel; Marcellino, grand delegate.

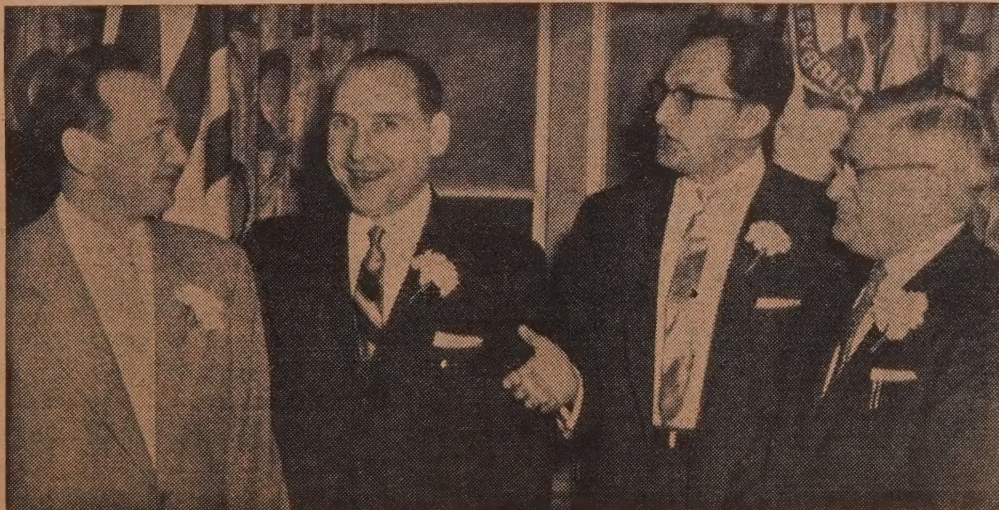
## Winthrop, Mass. Lodge Breakfast

WINTHROP, Mass. — Superior Court Judge Frank W. Tomasello was principal speaker at the third annual family communion breakfast sponsored jointly by the Winthrop Men's Lodge No. 2057 and Winthrop Ladies' Lodge No. 2071.

Other speakers included Grand Venerable John Guarino, the Rt. Rev. Aloysius R. Finn, celebrant and pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church and chaplain of the Men's Lodge; Supreme Trustee Mario DiTroia, Venerable Tina Picelli and Venerable Ernest P. Caggiano.

Robert M. DeGregorio was toastmaster.

Other guests included Benjamin Corleto, first ex-grand venerable of the Massachusetts Order; Venerable Kay Sacca and Ex-Venerable Eleanor Cardillo of Maria, Montessori Lodge of Belmont.



## ALBANY, N. Y. LODGE 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe of Schenectady, N. Y., second from left, was principal speaker at the 45th anniversary dinner sponsored by Roma Intangibile Lodge No. 215 of Albany. From left to right, Anthony Chillemi, chairman, Volpe, Paul La Falce, lodge venerable, and Angelo Sano, chairman of the lodge's board of directors.

## NEW YEAR WISHES

### SILVER STAR LODGE

No. 1916

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.



*New Year Best Wishes*  
**The Grand Lodge of The Northwest**  
Washington, Oregon and Idaho  
DR. NICHOLAS SARRO GRAND VENERABLE  
SEATTLE, WASH.

*Best Wishes To All*  
**ROCKFORD VIGO LODGE No. 1637**  
Venerable Anthony Ricotta, Assistant Venerable Paoli Cicero, Orator Sam Morreale, Recording Secretary Vincenzo Caiozzo, Financial Secretary Anthony Maggio, Treasurer Charles DiRaimondo; Trustees: Peter Sparacino, Paolo LiPrima, Charles Russo and Joseph Catanese.  
ROCKFORD, ILL.

*Best Wishes*  
*For The New Year*  
**William Marconi Lodge**  
No. 1140  
CLARKSBURG, W. VA.

*New Year Greetings*  
**SONS of COLUMBUS**  
**LODGE NO. 1107**  
WILMINGTON, DEL.

*New Year Best Wishes*  
*To All Members of The Order*  
**ROMA**  
**LODGE**  
No. 1196  
RACINE, WISC.

Greetings and Best Wishes To The Entire Order  
**THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN**  
Grand Venerable Louis A. Orsini

New Era Lodge No. 336  
Detroit  
Dante Alighieri Lodge No. 832  
Detroit  
Amor Patro Lodge No. 860  
Detroit  
Colombo & Battisti Lodge No. 861  
Flint  
Progreso Lodge No. 1031  
Detroit

Regina Margherita Lodge No. 1403  
Detroit  
Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge No. 1471  
Detroit  
Regina Elena Lodge No. 1493  
Detroit  
Monte Cristo Lodge No. 1652  
Detroit  
Cassino Lodge No. 1860  
Detroit

*New Year*  
*Greetings*  
**Roma**  
**Lodge**  
No. 1573  
Tulare, Calif.

*New Year*  
*Wishes*  
*To All*  
**E Lavoro**  
**Lodge**  
**Onesta**  
No. 399  
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

*New Year*  
*Best*  
*Wishes*  
**TACOMA**  
**LODGE**  
No. 1175  
Tacoma, Wash.

*New Year*  
*Greetings*  
**Seattle**  
**Lodge**  
**No. 1390**  
Venerable  
LOUIS LICASTRO  
Recording Secretary  
JOSEPH SALVATORE  
SEATTLE, WASH.

*Best Wishes For*  
*THE NEW YEAR*  
**AMERIGO**  
**VESPUCCI**  
Lodge No. 1814  
ANGELO DeBELLIS  
Venerable  
Aberdeen, Wash.

WE THE MEMBERS OF THE PUGLIESE LODGE  
WISH TO EXTEND TO ALL, A HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
**PUGLIESE LODGE No. 1375**  
PETER J. DeSANTIS, *Venerable*  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

*Best Wishes*  
*For The New Year*  
**Sons of Italy Lodge**  
**NO. 164**  
Venerable Angelo Aquino, Assistant Venerable Bernadino Lucci, Ex-Venerable Ross C. Cosentino, Orator Alfred Maccaglia, Recording Secretary Richard Iorfido, Financial Secretary Angelo Pugliano, Treasurer Elmo Maccaglia, Trustees: Daniel Palmer, Larry Panaia, Anthony Marzio Jr., John Papasodero and Frank Persuitte; Masters of Ceremony Carmen Frangione and Patsy Veliano; Guard Louis Mendicino, Grand Trustee James Iorfido, Grand Deputy Frank DeBono.  
**AMBRIDGE, PA.**

**BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR**  
**THE GRAND LODGE**  
**OF**  
**NEBRASKA**  
**CARMELO MARINO**  
*Grand Venerable*

Regina Elena di Savoia Lodge No. 1486  
DOROTHY GRASSO  
VENERABLE

Santa Lucia Lodge No. 1715  
LUCIETTA MARCHESE  
VENERABLE

Cristoforo Colombo Lodge No. 1419  
SALVATORE PICCOLO  
VENERABLE

**OMAHA, NEB.**



# Il Cappellano Nazionale

By Rev. John J. Capuano, Fitchburg, Mass.

Ho letto con vivo piacere nel "Catholic Free Press," il giornale diocesano della Diocesi di Worcester, che Monsignore Guido Pallotta di Boston e' stato designato Cappellano Nazionale dell'Ordine Figli d'Italia in America.

Davvero che questa notizia ci riempie il cuore di intima, profonda letizia! Il Supremo Venerabile non avrebbe potuto fare una scelta migliore. E' una scelta fatta, come si dice, "con i baffi." Monsignore Pallotta e' uno dei piu' distinti sacerdoti dell'Arcidiocesi di Boston. Parroco di una immensa parrocchia italiana, e un Monsignore da diversi anni, egli ha un sentito amore per il nostro Ordine.

Quindi, non posso fare a meno di gridare: BRAVO! E' un passo in avanti. Non c'e' dubbio che il nostro Ordine ha fatto progresso in America; ora ne fara' di piu'.

Nel nostro Ordine vi era una lacuna; mancava qualcosa. Ora e' stata provveduta. Abbiamo il Cappellano Nazionale ufficialmente.

Alle volte ci e' capitato ricevere una lettera da qualche ufficiale dell'Ordine Statale di Massachusetts. Sulla sommita' del foglio della lettera si vedeva stampante in lettere precise il nome del Cappellano Statale, che era di Monsignore Pallotta. Ci dava un senso di decoro, un senso di nobilita', qualcosa di bello. Ora, avremo, si spera, la stessa gioia col vedere il nome dello stesso illustre Sacerdote sulla sommita' del foglio delle lettere degli Ufficiali Supremi. Il nome del sacerdote in su', con i nomi degli altri Ufficiali Supremi. Così' dovrebbe essere in tutta la vita: il sacerdote e tutti gli altri attorno lui che rappresenta iddio.

Il grande Generale Americano MacArthur nel firmare a nome della nostra Nazione nel porto di Tokio il trattato di pace con il Giappone, disse fra altro: "La guerra e' inutile; le cose materiali valgono poco; e' dello spirito cio' che vale." Parole celebri. Il famoso sindaco di Firenze, nel suo libro, "Per Una Architettura Cristiana Dello Stato," ha detto una simile verita': "Bisogna anzitutto riprendere coscienza della struttura intrinsecamente contemplativa, spirituale, orante dell'uomo... la natura e' ordinata alla grazia ed alla gloria; il tempo e' ordinato all'eternita'; la terra e' ordinata al Cielo; la citta' terrena e' ordinata alla citta' celeste. Cio deve tornare ad essere il polo ordinatore della vita e della civilta'."

Proprio vero. Il nostro Ordine Figli d'Italia esiste per ragioni culturali, morali, sociali. Non dobbiamo mai dimenticarlo. Ma questi fini nobili non escludono la religione; anzi la suppongono.

Noi siamo Italiani. La stragrande maggioranza fra noi praticiamo la religione Cristiana Cattolica Apostolica Romana. Perche' tacerlo? Perche' non esserne coscienti e fieri?

Prendete chi volete fra i grandi Italiani del passato, li troverete tutti spirituali, uomini inabissati in Dio, in Cui trovarono l'ispirazione per le loro opere benefiche per l'umanita'. Michelangelo era legatissimo ai Papi Romani. Raffaello non riusciva mai a dipingere un quadro cosi' bello come quando immortalava il volto purissimo della Madonna sulla tela; Volta insegnava la dottrina cristiana ai bambini del suo paese; e Cristoforo Colombo—chi non lo conosce?—si lanciava avanti, avanti, attraverso le acque ignote dell'Atlantico, senza paura, mentre teneva tra le dita, e col cuore recitava, il Rosario, tenendo gli occhi fissi su' Dio. Ecco perche' sono riusciti a fare tanto bene; ecco la ragione principale. Ed ecco perche' noi siamo così' immensamente felici di vedere il nuovo Cappellano Nazionale ufficialmente designato per il nostro Ordine Figli d'Italia in America. Faremo Grande Progresso!

## Florida Order Sponsors Drive For Members

MIAMI — Lodges and individual members are competing for top honors in the current membership drive being sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Dr. Renzo Abbondandolo, Assistant Grand Venerable, is state Chairman. He announced the four-

month drive would end April 30, 1959.

The Grand Lodge has listed a number of prizes for lodge and individual leaders. The women of the Florida Order have an additional incentive to recruit new members. All women sponsoring five new members will be given a 14kt gold chain with a genuine cultured pearl. Donor of the gift is Emilia Abbondandolo.

The lodge showing a greater percentage increase will receive a set of regalia or \$100.

Individual members recruiting 25 members will receive a 14kt gold bracelet and charm, or a 17 jewel wrist watch; 15 members, 14kt gold earrings with pearls, or a 14kt gold tie holder; 10 members, 14kt gold ring with pearl, or cuff links with tie holder; 5 members, 14kt gold charm, or tie holder with pearl; 3 members, silver charm, or gold-filled cuff links.

## West Virginia

### Angelo Viani Is Speaker At Piedmont

PIEDMONT, W. Va. — Grand Venerable Angelo Viani of Fairmont was principal speaker at the 32nd anniversary dinner sponsored by Star of Italy Lodge, No. 1426.

Other speakers included Grand Recording Secretary Catherine Minehart, Grand Financial Secretary John Juliano, Venerable Louis Damiani and Frank Mayolo, lodge treasurer.

Catherine R. Albanese, recording secretary, was toastmaster.

Guests included Mrs. Viani, Grand Treasurer and Mrs. Anthony Basile, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Costa, FUM president; Grand Trustee Louis Lopez, Grand Trustee Joseph Femia, Louis Vasile, FUM secretary; Grand Deputy Carmine Durso, Catherine Yanna, venerable of Fairmont Lodge, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bellamaggio.

### Past Venerables Paid Tribute At Morgantown

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—More than 200 persons attended a banquet honoring the past Venerables of La Vittoria Lodge No. 914.

Principal speakers included Circuit Court Judge Don L. J. Eddy and Grand Venerable Angelo Viani.

Other speakers included Venerable Jack Lucci, the Rt. Rev. Robert Weiskircher and the Rev. Fr. Setimio Bolo of the Franciscan Monastery.

Samuel J. Angotti was toastmaster.

Past Venerables honored and presented lapel pins were, James Ferinetti, Peter Zangari, Peter Berrollatti, Joseph Bandiera, Antonio Giordano, Vincent Marony, Danny Liberatore, Domenick Massullo, Angelo Miceli, Joseph Maiolo, John DeMichele and Angotti.

The gathering paid tribute to the memory of the following Past Venerables, Anthony Tarsitano, Carlo Novelli, Rocco Maiolo and Nicholas Colasanti.

Brother Angotti was general chairman. He was assisted by the following committee chairmen, Mrs. John Angotti, Mrs. Gwen Luci, Mrs. Angie Boyde, Mrs. Olga D'Amoci, Mrs. Irene Luci, Mrs. Rose Fratto, and Mrs. Jack Luci. Committee members included Angelina Farrel, Alma Perrots, Betty Melito, Mary Hastings, Mrs. Sam Nicholas, Maria Nacarate and Sarah Tomei.

## Richmond, Va.

### Lodge Plans Redevelopment Program

RICHMOND, Va. — Members of Giuseppe Verdi Lodge No. 315 have undertaken a long range redevelopment program on their 23-acre property.

The lodge recently purchased a farm in Hanover County consisting of 11 acres of cleared land and 12 acres of wooded land with a pond on it. The purchase also included a five room house.

The first stage of the lodge's redevelopment program has been completed. The members have constructed a one-story cement block building which is currently being used as a meeting hall.

Plans also call for a baseball diamond, bocce alleys, a swimming pool and picnic grounds.

## Steubenville, Ohio

### Pizzoferrato Honored

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio — Supreme Trustee Julius A. Pizzoferrato, city health commissioner, was honored by the Tri State Sanitarians Association and B'Nai B'Rith for his many years of service to the community.

More than 90 members of the association were present at a dinner at which Brother Pizzoferrato was presented with a bronze plaque which read: "The Tri State Sanitarians Association presents this award to Julius A. Pizzoferrato in recognition of thirty years meritorious service to the profession of public health."

Mr. and Mrs. Pizzoferrato were honored guests at the annual dinner meeting held by the Steubenville Lodge B'Nai B'Rith No. 787.

He was presented with a citation which read: "Citation in honorable tribute to Julius A. Pizzoferrato from Steubenville Lodge B'Nai B'Rith No. 787 — in grateful recognition for his splendid communal service, exemplary character, unselfish devotion and for his valiant endeavors in the truest democratic tradition, in advancing the understanding between men, regardless of their creed, religion or national origin."

He has been a member of the Order for forty years and is a former Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order.

Brother Pizzoferrato is a member of the Ohio Public Health Association and the American Public Health Association, of which he is a Fellow in Public Health.



### 300 Attend Belmont, Mass. Calendar Party

BELMONT, Mass. — More than 300 persons attended a Calendar party sponsored by members of Maria Montessori Lodge No. 1744 at Columbus Hall in Newton.

Guests were Grand Venerable John Guarino, Miss Patricia Steele, Venerable and Mrs. John Perino, Belmont Men's Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Falco, Dr. and Mrs. Frank J. Fleming, Miss Shiela Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Romeo and Miss Kay Sacca, venerable of Montessori Lodge.

### Uniontown, Pa. Lodge Observes 24th Birthday

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A large gathering attended the 24th anniversary dinner sponsored by Maria Montessori Lodge No. 1711 in the newly remodeled lodge quarters.

Venerable Mary Girard welcomed the gathering. Josephine Fee was toastmaster.

Marie Gandolfi was general chairman, and Theresa Gentilcore, co-chairman.

In other activities the lodge joined with members of Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge No. 231 in sponsoring a Christmas and New Year's party and dance.

### Mass. Junior Division 26th Birthday Ball At Boston, Feb. 21

BOSTON—The 26th anniversary ball of the Massachusetts Junior Division will be held Saturday, February 21, at the Parker House Roof.

Joseph Nuccio, president of the Junior Division, is supervising the arrangements for the annual event.

### Scala Named Secretary of R. I. Commission

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Grand Venerable Luigi Scala has been named secretary of a 15-member commission to study sources of financial aid for college-level students in Rhode Island.

Scala's appointment to the commission was made by the governor. He was named secretary at an organization meeting.

Good Wishes  
For The  
Coming Year

Gabriele  
D'Annunzio  
Lodge No. 187

Domenico Liberi, Ven.  
Umberto Monti, Asst. Ven.  
Nicola Pulcio, Ex-Ven.  
John Bonanno, Orator  
Peter D'Angelo, Rec. Sec.  
Sidney A. Ficco, Fin. Sec.  
Charles A. Leonetti, Treas.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

GREETINGS FOR THE  
NEW YEAR

ENRICO  
MILLO LODGE  
NO. 128  
EASTON, PA.

Sincere Wishes  
To All Members  
Of The Order

Colonna Lodge  
No. 184  
DANBURY, CONN.

Best Wishes For  
The New Year  
TRI-CITIES LODGE  
NO. 1302  
ROCK ISLAND, ILL.



# Political History In The Making

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

From time to time we have commented on the fact that many men of Italian descent are making the grade in politics. The climb to political power has been slow, but in the last decade or so Italian-Americans, however their party affiliations, have been moving into their own. Today more men of Italian origin are holding down important political posts than ever before in the history of the United States. Never before has their prestige and the prestige of the men and women of Italian origin been greater. And never before have there been so many of Italian descent occupying such high posts as United States Senator, Governor and Mayor.



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In fact so many Italian-Americans were elected to high public office throughout the United States that a number of well-known columnists have made special mention of the success now being enjoyed by men with Italian names in our public life.

Drew Pearson, for example, sometime after the last November elections wrote a special column on "Italian-Americans in Politics."

## Italians Replacing the Irish

Pearson made note of the fact that Americans of Italian origin have "partly replaced the Irish as a political-governing group in the U. S. A."

"For years," wrote Pearson, "the mayors of big eastern cities were usually Irish. The head of Tammany for years was Irish.

"Today the Governor of Massachusetts is Foster Furcolo in a state once divided between the Irish and the Yankees. The new Republican Governor of Rhode Island, Christopher Del Sesto, is Italian. The Democratic Senator from Rhode Island, John Pastore, is Italian, recently re-elected.

"The Mayor of Detroit, Louis Miriani, is also Italian, while there are 12 Italian-American Congressmen in the House of Representatives. Not all of them come from the big eastern cities, Dante Fascell is elected from Florida. Roland Libonati comes from Chicago. The others are: Hugh Addonizio and Peter Rodino, both of Newark, N. J.; Victor Anfuso, Brooklyn; Silvio Conte, Pittsfield, Mass.; Emilio Daddario, Hartford, Conn.; Dominick Daniels, Jersey City; John Dent, Jeannette, Pa.; Paul Fino, Bronx, N. Y.; Robert Giaimo, North Haven, Conn.; and Alfred Santangelo, New York City."

In that same column Pearson spoke about a recent visit he made to Cleveland and meeting the Mayor of that city—Anthony Celebrezze.

## A Good Word For Cleveland

Pearson noted that Cleveland is one of the best run cities in the United States.

"Cleveland," Pearson wrote, "has had a succession of notable Mayors dating back to Tom Johnson; Harold Burton later appointed to the Supreme Court; Frank Lausche, later Governor and Senator; and Tom Burke, later a Senator. Celebrezze, who is giving Cleveland an equally good government, is a Democrat, elected by many Republican votes, just as Mike Di Salle was elected Governor of Ohio with the help of Republicans.

"Alongside Mayor Celebrezze, as I talked with him was another Italian-American mayor, efficient Frank Celeste of nearby Lakewood.

"What do you Italians mean by taking all these jobs away from the Irish?" I asked the mayors of Cleveland and Lakewood.

"They can't complain," joked Mayor Celebrezze, "They were in a long time."

But perhaps without parallel is the situation in Rhode Island where three men of Italian descent are occupying the top political posts in that State.

And the three — one a Republican and two Democrats — were victorious in the same election last November.

At the top is the capable, energetic John O. Pastore, who was re-elected as a Democrat to the United States by the greatest plurality ever given a candidate for public office in the history of Rhode Island.

## Del Sesto Governor of R. I.

A Republican, Christopher Del Sesto, and strangely enough a boyhood friend of Senator Pastore, captured the Governorship of Rhode Island in a hot contest.

Sitting in the Lieut. Governor's chair is the personable John A. Notte, who was the Democratic candidate last November in an election that saw every Democratic candidate for State office on the State ticket swept into office except for Governor.

Barring the unforeseen, it is quite possible that two men with Italian names — Del Sesto, the present Governor and Notte, Little Rhody's Lieut. Governor, will fight it out in 1960 for the coveted post of Governor of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

If that comes to pass it should be a political contest that will be watched with great interest, not only in Rhode Island but elsewhere.



## TALK OVER NATIONAL HOME PLANS

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., left, and John A. Volpe of Winchester, Mass., met recently to discuss the appointment of four regional chairmen for the March 1st drive for funds for the Order's proposed national home to be constructed in Washington, D. C. Volpe is national chairman of the new home project.



## \$200 FOR NATIONAL HOME FUND

Venerable Mario Nicodemi of Schenectady (N. Y.) Lodge No. 321, center, presents check for \$200 to Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, as lodge's contribution to the National Home Fund. At left is Grand Trustee Stephen DiGiorgio.

## Attends State Conference

## Gorrasi Visits Florida

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., made his first official visit to the deep South late last month when he attended a state-wide conference held by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Prior to his departure, Brother Gorrasi termed the visit as "grass roots" in nature. He said he wanted to expand his theme of national thinking and greater mass participation by members in all Supreme Lodge activities.

He said further the trip was part of a general plan in which he hoped to arrange similar visits with other Grand Lodges.

(Editor's Note: Complete details of the Supreme Venerable's visit will be carried in the next issue of OSIA NEWS.)

He was greeted on his arrival by Grand Venerable Frank DeBona, Supreme Trustee Luigi Fiorentino, Assistant Grand Venerable Renzo Abbondandolo, in charge of arrangements and a large gathering of members.

Attending the conference were members of the Grand Council, lodge officers, grand deputies and lodge delegations.

An added highlight of the Su-

preme Venerable's visit was the installation of two lodges.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi stressed the need for increased mass participation in Supreme Lodge activities in order for members to become better acquainted with top leaders and with the Order's national program.

## Toronto Lodge Installs Officers

TORONTO, Canada — Enrico Carfagnini was installed Venerable of Patronato Lodge No. 15 at ceremonies held in the lodge quarters.

Other officers seated, Cesars Nini, assistant venerable; S. G. Zonni, ex-venerable; Vincenzo Farano, orator; Pasquale Pecchia, recording secretary; Fedele Grittani, financial secretary; Guglielmo Fallola, treasurer; Giuseppe Angellotti, Michele Tassello, Vincenzo Dellibenedetti, Aurelio Pecchia and Enzo Luceri, trustees; Giacomo Loparco and Ernesto Fera, masters of ceremony; Rocco Grittani, sentinel.

## CHAIRMEN

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It will be two stories high and will have a full basement almost entirely above ground. The basement plan includes a boiler room, garage space, a small meeting room, a kitchen and lounge.

The first floor will have offices, a reception room, a memorial room for display of Italian exhibits and a board of directors room. The second floor will contain a small hall, kitchen and lounge.

Fronting Massachusetts avenue, the new home will have a retaining wall encircling the portion of the raised basement and a series of steps rising to the front door.

## Amedeo Volpe's Plan For Fund Drive

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe will begin a one-man campaign in New York to raise funds for the Order's proposed new National Home in Washington, D. C.

Volpe plans to contact each lodge in his home state to ask for contributions to the home fund. His campaign got off to a successful start when he accepted a check for \$200 from his lodge, the Schenectady Lodge No. 321. He was presented the contribution by Venerable Mario Nicodemi.

In a letter to OSIA NEWS, Volpe said he will attempt to contact all lodges in the New York Order asking for voluntary contributions.

He said the \$200 contribution made by his lodge is in addition to the \$1.00 per member assessment which has already been paid by the lodge.

Volpe expressed the hope that other lodges in the state would be spurred to action and would "follow the good example of Schenectady."

## Bay State Lodges Observe Birthday

BRAINTREE, Mass. — More than 600 persons attended an anniversary dinner sponsored jointly by Massimo D'Azeglio Lodge and Braintree Ladies' Lodge.

Donato T. Richardi, superintendent of the Braintree water department, was honored at the dinner.

Speakers included Assistant Grand Venerable Paul A. D'Agostino and Grand Financial Secretary Peter A. Donadio. Joseph Zanghi was master of ceremonies.